China's support to Pakistan on nuclear missile programme

542. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it is reported that there is conclusive proof that China *is* persisting with its programme to support Pakistan in its nuclear and missile programme;

(b) is it violation of the Missile Technology Control Regime; and

(c) if so, Government reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY • OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Pakistan has received nuclear capable M-ll solid fuel missiles from China. It has also acquired technology and components related to the production of solid fuel missiles from China. It is assessed that external assistance to Pakistan's missile programme is continuing.

(b) China is not an adherent to the Missile Technology Control Regime, an *ad hoc* export control regime. However, *it* has agreed, in bilateral consultations with the United States, to abide by some of the MTCR undertakings. The scope of these obligations is still the subject of bilateral discussions between China and the United States.

(c) The Government maintains that continuing external assistance to Pakistan's missile programme despite the existence of various export control regimes and declarations of restraint and restrictions by supplier countries has an adverse effect on India's security. Government remains fully committed to taking all necessary steps to safeguard the nation's security in accordance with its own assessment of threats *to* our security.

Emissary to study the situation In Fiji

543. SHRI C. M..IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether Government sent its emissary to study the situation following the recent coup staged by ethnic Fiji rebels, holding the

Fijian Prime Minister and others under arrest inside Parliament House; and

(b) if so, what was his report about the political situation and security of persons of Indian origins in Fiji and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. A senior official of the Ministry of External Affairs was sent to Fiji in early June, 2000.

(b) His assessment was that political situation in Fiji then was' precarious and uncertain. There were some incidents of looting of shops and other businesses belonging to persons of Indian origin. However, there was no loss of life and the Indian community was bearing up with the situation with courage and displaying no signs of panic.

Brutal assault on Indian researcher in Leipzig

544. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the brutal assault committed by Germans on an Indian researcher in Leipzig recently;

(b) if so, the details of the motive behind it; and

(c) the efforts made by Government to instill security and confidence in Indian residents in Germany?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. While on a study visit to Germany, an Indian researcher was attacked by three unidentified persons on the night of 12th June, 2000 *in* Leipzig. He was given necessary medical attention. An official of the Indian Embassy at Berlin, went to Leipzig to ascertain the facts and the matter was taken up with the local police authorities.